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MEDIA ATTENTION CONTINUES HIGH. LENGTHY ANALYSIS OF TRIP BY SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST EURICO DA FONSECA IN JULY 22 "JORNAL NOVO" SAID ANCIENT DREAM OF SEEING MARS CLOSE-UP HAS BEEN REALIZED "THANKS TO THE CARE WITH WHICH PROJECT WAS CONCEIVED AND ALSO TO THE UNDENIABLE SUPERIORITY OF THE AMERICANS IN THE MICRO-ELECTRONICS FIELD.." FONSECA, AFTER DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE SEARCH FOR LIFE WHICH VIKING MISSION WILL CARRY OUT, WONDERED IF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED FOR MARS TO BECOME A NEEDED COLONY FOR AN OVERPOPULATED EARTH. HE SAID, IN THE VEIN, THAT "MARS IS THE HOPE WHICH COMES TO US AT A MOMENT WHEN CONSCIENTIOUS MEN WERE ABOUT TO LOSE ALL HOPE". OTHERWISE, MOST NEWSPAPERS ARE GIVING PROMINENT PLAY TO WIRE-SERVICE REPORTS FROM PASADENA. LEFTIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" OF JULY 22 MANAGED TO SOUND A SOUR NOTE BY PLAYING NEW-YORK-DATELINED STORY QUOTING NEW YORKERS WHO SAID THEY WOULD RATHER HAVE HAD VIKING BUDGET TO SPEND ON STREET REPAIRS AND MORE POLICEMEN'S SALARIES. JORDAN

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